

# • 2024 Etchells Series Races • Lake Champlain Yacht Club Sailing Instructions (SIs) (rev 4-14-24)

## 1 RULES

1.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

## 2 OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT GOVERN THIS EVENT

2.1 LCYC Courses and Race Marks on LCYC website (<http://lcyg.info/racing/documents>).

## 3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The official notice board is on the exterior wall of the north side of the LCYC clubhouse.

## 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3.2 Changes to a sailing instruction or to the designated course may be given on the water following the raising of the "L" flag with one sound.

## 4 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located online at (<http://lcyg.info/racing/documents>).

4.2 On the water, the race committee intends to communicate with competitors via radio on VHF 72.

## 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be made from RC boat located on the main dock.

## 6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Race dates: 6/3, 6/17, 7/1, 7/15, 7/29, 8/12, 8/25, 9/8-9

6.2 Monday nights 6/3 thru 7/29 first warning 1810

6.3 Monday night 8/12 first warning 1740

6.4 Weekends 8/25, first warning 1000

6.5 Weekends 9/8-9 first warning per Etchells Regatta SI's

## 7 CLASS FLAG

7.1 Etchells



7.2 In place of the class flag the RC Signal boat may display a green flag.

## 8 RACING AREA

8.1 Races will take place in or near Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, VT.

## **9 COURSES**

**9.1** Courses will be W/L with legs of approximately 1nm or less.

**9.2** The number of legs of each race will be signaled on the RC Signal boat and maybe on VHF 72.

**9.3** Marks of the course shall be left to port.

## **10 MARKS**

**10.1** Marks used in LCYC races are described in (<http://lcyg.info/racing/documents>)

## **11 THE START**

**11.1** Races will be started using RRS 26.

**11.2** The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

**11.3** Following a long postponement the orange starting line flag will be displayed with 4-5 short blasts at least four (4) minutes before the AP is lowered.

**11.5** If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**11.6** A boat that does not start within ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## **12 THE FINISH**

**12.1** The finishing line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the adjacent mark unless the course is shortened.

**12.2** If the race committee signals a shortened course, the finishing line shall be between an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the adjacent mark. This changes rule 32.2.

**12.3** A boat electing to abandon the race shall notify the race committee.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

**13.1** Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, V1 & V2 apply.

## **14 PROTESTS**

**14.1** RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies to this event.

**14.2** All forms required for filing a protest may be found on the LCYC website  
<http://lcyg.info/racing/documents>.

**14.3** The formal protest shall be submitted on standard forms to the Regatta Chairman within twenty-four (24) hours of a boat's finish.

**14.4** Forms may be submitted via email to [regatta@lcyg.info](mailto:regatta@lcyg.info).

## **15 SCORING**

**15.1** Boats that do not start, do not finish, retire, or are disqualified shall be scored as described in rule A5.2.

**15.2** For the Etchells Kelemen Cup (which includes Wednesday and Etchells Series) there will be 1 throw-out for every 5 races.

## **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**16.1** A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

**16.2** Any time while racing and wind speeds exceed 20 knots all crew members are required to wear a personal flotation device while on deck.

**16.3** Any time while racing and conditions merit all crew members are strongly advised to wear a personal flotation device while on deck. Conditions to be considered include but are not limited to crew position, MOB risk, the wearing of foul weather gear, water temperature, air temperature, sea state, wind speed and physical ability.

**16.4** No race will be started when sustained winds are in excess of 25 knots.

## **17 RISK STATEMENT**

**17.1** RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

## **18 INSURANCE**

**18.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.